# **NEHA SUNIL**

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# **EDUCATION**

#### **MIT**

PhD in Mechanical Engineering

Minor: Machine Learning 2021 - | Cambridge, MA

#### **MIT**

MS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING 2019 - 2021 | Cambridge, MA

#### **CALTECH**

BS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

2015 - 2019 | Pasadena, CA GPA: 3.9/4.0

## **COURSEWORK**

### **GRADUATE**

Machine Learning
Deep Learning
Bayesian Inference and Modeling
Intelligent Robotic Manipulation
Underactuated Robotics
Visual Navigation
Computer Vision

Analysis/Design of Feedback Control Precision Product Design

**Dynamics** 

#### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Capstone Design Contest
Robotics & Autonomy
Experimental Robotics
Multidisciplinary Systems Eng.
Mechatronics
Biotechnology Lab
Microfabrication Lab
Nanorobotics
Information and Logic
Experiments & Modeling in MechE
(Teaching Asst 2x)

# SKILLS

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Python • Java • C • C++ Matlab • R • Mathematica HTML • VB • LATEX

#### **ROBOTICS**

ROS • Drake • Simulink OpenCV • Blender Raspberry Pi • Arduino UR5 • ABB YuMi • GelSight

#### **ENGINEERING**

**CAD:** Solidworks • Onshape **CFD/FEA:** Ansys • COMSOL

### RESEARCH

MIT MCUBE LAB, RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2019 -

ADVISOR: ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ

Developing reactive systems for deformable object manipulation (e.g. cables and cloth) using visuotactile perception and control

### CALTECH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER | 2018 - 2019

ADVISORS: CHIARA DARAIO AND AARON AMES

Designed a flexible and inexpensive pressure sensor to determine the real-time center of pressure for walking robots

## **STANFORD** STUDENT RESEARCHER | 2014

ADVISOR: ANSHUL KUNDAJE

Developed a library in R to choose DNA regions for CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology

### **INDUSTRY**

### VERB SURGICAL Mechanical Engineering Intern | Summer 2018

Google and J&J robotic surgery partnership | Mountain View, CA Worked with team interfacing between arm and surgical tool Experience in design, sensors, and controls

#### KRAENION ROBOTICS INTERN | DECEMBER 2017, 2018

Startup developing applied computer vision solutions | Los Gatos, CA

- 2017: Prepared forklift prototype to demo stereo vision technology
- 2018: Sensor integration for autonomous wheelchair

# NIMA LABS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING INTERN | SUMMERS 2016, 2017

Portable food allergen sensor startup | San Francisco, CA

- 2016: Tested multi-channel version of consumer device and isolated key variables affecting chemistry development and camera readings
- 2017: Redesigned multi-channel device from scratch. Created manufacturing and assembly drawings and worked with vendors

# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Y. She\*, S. Wang\*, S. Dong\*, N. Sunil, A. Rodriguez, and E. Adelson. Cable manipulation with a tactile reactive gripper. *The International Journal of Robotics Research (IJRR)*, 2021. **RSS'20 Best Paper Award Finalist**.
- [2] N. Sunil, S. Wang, Y. She, E. Adelson, and A. Rodriguez. Visuotactile affordances for cloth manipulation with local control. *CoRL*, 2022.

More projects and details available at nehasunil.com

# ACHIEVEMENTS & SERVICE

- 2022 Mentored Visiting Student Arnau Saumell
- 2020 RSS Best Paper Award Finalist
- 2019 Co-founded Graduate Women in Robotics Community (GWiRC) at MIT
- 2019 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2019 MIT Linden/Wong Departmental Fellowship
- 2019 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship Finalist
- 2019 Caltech Mechanical Engineering Award
- 2018 Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- 2011 Certified Yoga Instructor